

Nominees: Charles W. Pickering, Sr. to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; M. Christina Armijo to the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico; Karon O. Bowdre to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama; Stephen P. Friot to the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma; and Larry R. Hicks to the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a fellow in my office, Peter Winokur, be entitled to privileges of the floor today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST IRANIAN-AMERICANS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. Res. 173, which is now at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 173) condemning violence and discrimination against Iranian-Americans in the wake of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 173) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Submitted Resolutions.")

CONDEMNING BIGOTRY AND VIOLENCE AGAINST SIKH-AMERICANS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 183, S. Con. Res. 74.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 74) condemning bigotry and violence against Sikh-Americans in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, DC, on September 11, 2001.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment to the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the concurrent resolution, as amended, be agreed to, the amendment to the preamble be agreed to, the preamble, as amended, be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the concurrent resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendments (Nos. 1907 and 1908) were agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1907

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That Congress—

(1) declares that, in the quest to identify, locate, and bring to justice the perpetrators and sponsors of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, the civil rights and civil liberties of all Americans, including Sikh-Americans, should be protected;

(2) condemns bigotry and any acts of violence or discrimination against any Americans, including Sikh-Americans;

(3) calls upon local and Federal law enforcement authorities to work to prevent crimes against all Americans, including Sikh-Americans; and

(4) calls upon local and Federal law enforcement authorities to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law all those who commit crimes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1908

(Purpose: To clarify Congress' concern over the number of crimes against Sikh-Americans and other Americans across the Nation since the tragic events of September 11, 2001)

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

"Whereas all Americans are united in condemning, in the strongest possible terms, the terrorists who planned and carried out the attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, and in pursuing all those responsible for those attacks and their sponsors until they are brought to justice;

"Whereas Sikh-Americans form a vibrant, peaceful, and law-abiding part of America's people;

"Whereas approximately 500,000 Sikhs reside in the United States and are a vital part of the Nation;

"Whereas Sikh-Americans stand resolutely in support of the commitment of our Government to bring the terrorists and those that harbor them to justice;

"Whereas the Sikh faith is a distinct religion with a distinct religious and ethnic identity that has its own places of worship and a distinct holy text and religious tenets;

"Whereas many Sikh-Americans, who are easily recognizable by their turbans and beards, which are required articles of their

faith, have suffered both verbal and physical assaults as a result of misguided anger toward Arab-Americans and Muslim-Americans in the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack;

"Whereas Sikh-Americans, as do all Americans, condemn acts of hate and prejudice against any American; and

"Whereas Congress is seriously concerned by the number of crimes against Sikh-Americans and other Americans all across the Nation that have been reported in the wake of the tragic events that unfolded on September 11, 2001: Now, therefore, be it".

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 74), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1564

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand that S. 1564, introduced earlier today by Senator REID of Nevada, is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1564) to convey land to the University of Nevada at Las Vegas Research Foundation for a research park and technology center.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request on behalf of the minority.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will remain at the desk.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 23; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, with 30 minutes of debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking member, or their designees, prior to a 10 a.m. cloture vote on the motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order following the remarks of the Senator from Missouri, Mr. BOND.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Missouri.